OLD HOMES, PEOPLE AND CUSTOMS TOLD BY ONE WHO KNEW THEM WELL Thousands of Men and Women Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.

Sunday and Slave Markets of First Half of Last Century Which are Unknown To-Day; John Marshall's Example Still Followed

RACE TRACKS ABOUT RICHMOND

By Charles M. Wallace, Sr.

During the first half of the nineteenth century the busiest section of the city of Richmond lay below Twelfth Street and along Muin; all the fashionable shopping, with here and there a solitary exception, was done as far down town as the respectable houses of the Levys, Abraham, and his sons, Jacob & Issaac. The great firm of Lancaster & Denby did business in a warehouse situated formerly a few steps above the Old Market. Still farther down were seen the signs of other firms well known to ur elderly citizens. It was saving. down were seen the signs of other firms well known to ur elderly citizens. It was a custom in the day of which I write, for us merchanis to keep house over the store, or very near to it. The old-fashioned mansion in which John A. Lancaster dwelt, thanks, to that tashion which In moving up-town has left it unimpaired to this generation, looks out as unpretendingly as ever on the neighborhood of Nineteenth Street. It stands just in the rear of the Hoge-Memorial Church. Nearby is the once happy abiding place of John H. Shobla, the old city gauger, a gentleman whose angelic cuntenance suggested 'always when I looked upon it no very distant kinship with that of "my Uncle Toby." Some time, hereafter, I hope to give at length some acount of the old folks, and the old mansions of Richmond over the creek.

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"These that I'm hitting off to-day Are sketches unpretending."
Toward better things without delay, With my steps I think of bending."
Naturially enough the old taverns were to be sought by the stranger in the thick of the town's trade. The Union on one side of the creek and the Bell on the other, were patronized in the main by the country folk of Tidewater, whilst the Columbian provided for those who dwelt south and west of the city. The Eagle, which ocupied nearly the half of a square between Twelfth Street and Thirteenth, was regarded in my day as the best up-town hostely in the city. The Marquis de Lafayette was entertained therein by the citizens upon his us the best up-town hostelry in the city.
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urival in 124. The rare pampilet of
teroy Anderson gives incidents attending his visit not reported in the Whigh
and Enquirer of that day.
The old adverse which bore on its face
a significance to the urban guidance cannot be too often repeated:
I dined at the Union,

I supped at the Bell, and spent all my money, At the Eagle Hotel.

Sunday and Slave Markets.

feature of the bygone times which long since disappeared was the Sunbeen established. There was but the been established. There was but the many n gentle dame and many n goodly gentleman repaired for the day's refreshments. Judge Marshall, it is said, set the fashion, still observed by some of our elderly citizens, of going to market of mornings and bearing home his own basket. The walk down or up Main Street, as the case might be, was shaded by trees, which fringed the pavements—a delightful promenade of the early sum-

trees, which fringed the particle of the carly gumer in ornings.

During the Christmas holidays groups of sleek-looking, well-clad servants might be mostly seen near the Bell Tavern, which had long been the headquarters of the slave market. New homes and new masters were anxiously sought by these happy creatures. Most of the offices of those who hird or sold them outright were under the second story of the tavern, Slaves to be sold were placed on platform or stout table near the curbing and cried by the auctioneer as complanded rice by the auctioneer as complanded the courses were liberally patronized by some of our best people, there mere many who would as soon have picked your pocket as to have been seen staking a penny on the turn of a card, or the outcome of a running horse.

As everyone who reads these lines may be aware the breeding of game horses in Virginia goes back to the brave old.

slave market, but that (it seemed of the patrons of the races. The i. c., the sporting gentry, who is the nonce be so designated—were a flutter of delight when the season and the entries were billed. Hackbaches, as they were then called, her vehicles awaited patiently the g of passengers to Fairfield, or this, or Broad Rock. These courses all within easy reach of the city. ted States senator from Virginia), and Inited States senator from Viginary and Inis worthy sportsman-1 use the term increases the term increases a senator of the victorial in its best sense-loved a game horse, and there squated on the turn displayed his racen. James Talley, and subsequently Though I had the pleasure when a lad a strip of olicioth, on which were painted on-

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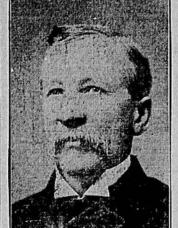
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"RICHMOND IN BYGONE DAYS." Reproduction of Old Print, Showing Richmond During the First Quarter of the Last Century.

field during a holiday between certain Darbyites of the county and several of our vicious city boys. It was a day when the grooms, or riders, were sweating their horses about the track. All the rag-tag and bob-tail of town and country were there. Some of these I knew personally; others I knew only from report. The lads of that day, like the lads of this, know better than their elders the worst characters of the town. The ugly and grotesque, it would seem,

of the eastern areas of the circle. The field over which one might see the horses running if he stood on the ground was level and clear as it appears to be at

Fist-Fight Recounted Which Would Have Delighted Hearts To Prove What the Great Kidney Remedy, Swamp-Root, Will De of Sullivan and Jim Jeffries; Sports of Past Worthy of Name

KILLS ANTAGONIST AT ONE BLOW

his "spread." Betters of copper coins were his chief patrons, and all of sable

Whilst standing near one of these Whilst standing near one of these pattry games, a curious looker-on, two white fellows came up evidently with intent to venture a larger sum than the banker was accustomed to see on his spread. One of these belonged to the clan of Nathan Darby; the other was well known to the constables of Richmond by the name of Joe King. This ventures is when once arranged in court CHARLES M. WALLACE, SH.

of being frequently in his company. I never presumed to be other than a list-ener. I have been told by those who kniew him intimately that he never made a side bet on a horse till the team were truncher with wheth and main to reach the same with wheth and main to reach a side better that the never made a side better the same were the same with wheth and main to reach a side better the same were the same with the same ways to same ways the same ways to same ways manages the more hideous duel of the fist and skull, in order to revive and nourish the old militant spirit of her people. For the same reason, too, France and Germany permit blood-letting by their citizens or subjects.

The Fairfield Track.

I shall now return to the subject of the race course and give as briefly as possible my recollection of Fairfield with which I am more familiar than the others mentioned. The track was embraced within the circle of a mile by a low fience of scanttands placed horizontal, upon uprights with open spaces between them. A frame, house with open galleries on the second story stood close to one.

> xclaimed: ""Twan't fair, by G—."
> Now ensued a scene, the like of which I trust, never to witness again. In a mo

The negroes fled dismayed, whilst heads were being cracked and blood flowed

freely as water, reinforcements from all parts of the field, made up of the partisans of the Darbylte and the King, rushed into the thick of the conflict. I occupied some vantage ground of safety and of view, or I should not be now able to describe a noteworthy incident of my first visit to Fairfield.

ever gave stouter blows on

came about, but as soon as the two combatants were thus matched, the melec was at an end, a ring was formed-King and his petty backers were nowhere-tiwas Johnson against the field, and stoutly and gamely did he hold it. There were no knock-downs, no knockouts, and all the blows rendered were above the belt. The little fellow was the eleverer of the twain, and well deserved the cause as soon as your knockouts. and his petty backers were nowhere—
'twas Johnson against the field, and stoutly and gamely did he hold it. Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of the twain, and well deserved the name of "Artful Dodges." The pluck and nowners of Darby might have charmed the strict of the twain of the strict of the twain of the strict of the twain of the strict of the str name of "Artful Dodges." The pluck and endurance of Darby might have charmed a Sullivan, a Corbett, a Jeffress. He had been fairly and soundly thrashed, though he seemed not to know it. An hour after this feroclous bout, I saw Darby returning with his friends from the chase of Johnson, May I never look upon so hideous a face again.

Johnson, unlike King, came of respectable parentage. He was a born fighter, Years after his victory over Darby, he had the fill-luck to kill his man by a single blow of his figt.

Voice of the People

ANOTHER DAUGHTER.

Mrs. Isabella Jett's Father Cavalry Officer in Revolution.

Officer in Revolution.

Editor Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—Recently I saw a statement from some person, whose name I have forgotten, giving an account of a lady who was a daughter of a Revolutionary solder, and recently one from Hon. George C. Round, of Manassas, who stated he knew of another, and I write to inform you of still another, Mrs. Isabella Jett, who is now living with her nephew, Judge James F. Strother, of Washington, Rappahannonck county, Va.

Mrs. Jett is now seventy-nine years old, and is quite active for her age. Sine is the youngest child of Major John Roberts, who was a cavairy officer of the Revolutionary War, and did considerable service during that war. Major Roberts was married at the age of fifty-two years to a Miss Pollard, of King and

two years to a Miss Pollard, of King and Queen county, and said he was too young to get married then. One of his daughters married Hon. James French Strother, who represented this district in Congress in 1852-53, and who was the father of Judge James F. Strother, of Rappalannock county, and the late John Roberts Strother, who at one time represented this county in the Legislature, and also a State senator, and Philip Strother, of Geles, and Dr. W. J. Strother, of our town. The grave of Major er, of our town. The grave of Major John Roberts is on the farm of Mr. John Hughes, in Rappahannock county (near Laurel Mills-, which was at one time owned by Major Roberts, and was sold some time after his death.

Fifty-three Sundays.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—The following paragraph, cut from
the news columns of The Times-Dispatch
of January 1st, attracted my attention
for the reason that it seemed a remarkable statement:
"Yesterday was the fifty-third Sunday
of the year 1905. It will be 119 years before another year will have five-the-

fore another year will have fifty-three

freely as water, reinforcemients from all parts of the field, made up of the partisans of the Darbyite and the King, rushed into the thick of the conflict. I occupied some vantage ground of safety and of view, or I should not be now able to describe a noteworthy incident of my first visit to Fairfield.

Old Nathan Appears.

Amid the 'biroar. I observed a tall, stalwart fellow making his way through the fighters; 'twas Nathan Darby. He appeared to me not so desirous of engaging in the melec, as in using his authority to quell fit. As he came forganging in the melec, as in using his authority to quell fit. As he came for Johnson, a friend of King, met him half-way, and giving him a back-handed sing on the breast said, with much heat: 'Tm young man, sir!' Then at it they went, as the saying is, with hammer and tons, and the same is true of the year 1920. It will be 10 years before another year will have fifty-three Sundays. The year 2015 will be the next chance to break the record in the matter of regular attendance.''

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I concupied some vantage ground of safety and unable to county seven, your authority is mistaken, and very much so. The year 1911 will include five Sundays, the first day of January and the last day of December being Sundays, the first day of January and the last day of December being Sundays, the first day of January and the last day of December being Sundays, the first day of January and the last day of December being Sundays, and the same is true of regular attendance.''

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ity being due to the recurrence of the bissextile or leap year. Figure it out for yourself if you doubt this.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 3, 1906.

"The Reason Why."

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—Why are so many physicians poor?

In the first place it is necessary to correct the false impression existing among the Laity in reference to their fees and their immagined prosperity, and who presume it to be a profession of ease, and Eldorado of money making, but after working hard day and night, often die and leave their families, without subsistence often occurs.

There is no legitimate business in which the same amount of capital and time involved and care exercised, but which would prove more lucrative and profitable. In other professions wealth is accumulated and the parties often retire from business, Not so with the physician. His struggle continues as long as life lost, and with sleepless nights, gives his life and services to his numerous patrons. In most avocations there is some way for the Laity to avoid dangers. Not so with the physician, He is continuously in danger and yet cannot evade it.

When some dreafful epidemic invades the country and threatens to amilhiate its elizans no matter how great the danger to himself and family. He must forget test and sacrifice everything he holds near and dear to himself and attack the monster in his strongest entrenhments. This writer well remembers an epidemic of malignant diptheria which was so fatal that 50 per cent, of those afflicted died and the whole community were terror-stricken. Strong men quaked with fear, and it was difficult to find help to bury the dead. The physicians were the only persons who did not forsake the living or dead.

All friends and neighbors had forsaken these stricken people but the doctors. After the dark cloud had rolled away and quiletude became restored again the faithful physician, after long delay, sent in his bills. A few promptly liquidated them. Others paid many months afterward, and inany paid nothing.

There are many physicians in a state of poverty and debt after economizing in the very closest manner, and there should be one common brotherhood, each helping the o

Trouble and Never Suspect It.

for YOU, Every Reader of the Times-Dispatch May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Absolutely Free by Mail.

bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all discases have their beginning in the disorder of these

Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of

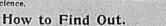
Gratefully yours.

MRS. A. L. WALKER, 331 East Linden St. Atlanta, Ga.

Weak and anhealthy kidneys are responsible for many kinds of diseases, and it permitted to con-tinue much suffering and fatal results are sure to follow. Kidney trouble irritates the nerves, makes you dizzy, restless, sleepless and irritable. Makes you pass water often during the day and obliges you to get up many times during the night. Un-healthy kidneys cause phasadless. you to get up many times during the night. Un-healthy kidneys cause rheumatism, grovel, catarrh of the bladder, pain or dull ache in the back, joints and muscles; make your head acne and back tche, acuse indigestion, stomach and liver trouble, you get a sallow, yellow complexion, make you feel as though you had heart trouble; you may have plenty of ambition, but no strength; get weak and waste

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The cure for these troubles is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the world-famous kidney remedy. In taking Ewamp-Root you afford natural help to Nature, for Swamp-Root is the most perfect healer and gentle aid to the kidneys that is known to medical science.



If there is any doubt in your mind as to your con-

If there is any doubt in your mind as to your condition, take from your 'urine on rising about four ounces, place it in a glass or bottle and let it stand twenty-four hours. If on examination it is millsy or cloudy, if there is a brick-dust settling, or if small particles float about in it, your kidneys are in need of immediate attention.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is used in the leading hospitals, recommended by physicians in their private practice, and is taken by doctors in their private practice, and is taken by doctors in their private practice, and is taken by doctors in their private practice, and is taken by doctors in their private practice, and is need by physicians in their private practice, and is can be swamp-Root, and the address, in their private practice, and is one in the swamp-Root, and the address, in their private practice, and is swamp-Root, and the address, ecognize in it the greatest and most successful swamp-Root, and the address, bottle.

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able and prompt payment for their labor and services.

As conscientious and hard-working physicians, when your labor has ceased your usefulness has terminated and your realize the sunset of life; broken down in health; your memory falling and your reveslight becoming dim, and your limbs deprived of their strength, who will contribute to the relief of the helpiess and destitute members of your orphans home?

service is equivalent to money and the public derives the benefit from their services. To say the least of it, if their license was annulled by an act of the Legislature it would be but a meager compliment for their services.

MEDICUS.

Verbum Sapientibus Quantum Sufficit. Lynchburg, Va., January 5, 1906.

Educational Progress in Virginia.

Strong in Virginia." "Every City and Town in the State Sounds a Note of Courage; "Activities Reported for the Year Sum Up a Great Industrial Advance in the State and Give Assurance of Accumulating Weaith;" and also the observation, "The Chinock wind of prosperity blows strong and full over the mountain, plain and valley in Virginia. A leaf from every town makes up a book ful of the lessons of industry and its fruitions. The cities and towns all sound a note of cheer, but as always the solid foundation is the wonderful prosperity on the farm."

It is truly a cheerful and wonderful showing that is made in the reports which you publish, the more so, because coming to no particular section. Everywhere these has been growth and improvement. Thrift and progress prevail in city, village and country. Banks flourish, industrial enterprises increase, maing interests are advanced, great impetus is given to stock raising, municipal improvements grow apuee, railronds are building, country roads are being improved, real estate is rapidly increasing in value, building operations of every kind are very active, increased crops are raised, the volume of business shows marked increase—in short, the whole country has prospered.

In all this I rejoice, as every true Virginian will, but I could not help observing with some degree of sadness, while reading these glowing descriptions of industrial progress all over this Commonwealth, that public school improvement was very seldom mentioned, and when it was referred to, it was in a very general way. In only one or two instances, I believe, was mention made of specific school improvement. Abundant mention was made of costly buildings of almost every description having been erected, but only one correspondent noted the erection of new school tuildings, Progress was noted in corsiderable detail, but only cusual mention of schools, when made at all.

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Why have not the schools occupied a more important place in these reports? Is it because they have not kept pace with the growth and progress in other enterprises? Oh, is it because the people of Virginia value them less than the more material things which have been given such prominence, and so both reporter and reader have less interest in them?

While I am not a pessimist in the slightest degree, candor forces the conclusion that the reason is found to some extent in the answers to both of these questions. Although much has been accomplished in the past year, we have not kept abreast in educational matter; with the general progress of the State, and the attitude of the people needs to be changed from a passive, receptive one, to an active, helpful one. The people must more and more realize that the gubble schools belong to THEMSELVES.

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spondence will be given in all sizes as spondence to its schools.

I write this, not in criticism, but, the hope that it may encourage to correspondents to give greater promises wherever possible to achools and with the standard of the ple is aroused all over Vilginia in a subject of education, and I believe the educational news will be real with amuch pleasure a d more interest that much pleasure a d more interest that much of the matter to which attentials given to its exclusion. Very truit, CHAS, C. MAPHIS.

Examiner and Inspector of Schools, First Clicuit.
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Lands of the Southwest.

ket.

However, we do not object to the above named board, provided it does not sit down in some city and attempt to do that which it cannot do without wide travel and careful inspection, not only on the railroads, but in the back counties, Respectfully,

J. W. W. SHULER,
Graham, Va,

Graham, Va.

Our Absurd Assessment System.

Our Absurd Assessment System. Editor of The Times-Dispatch;
Sir.-I am giad to see the question of appointing a board of equalization, for it is badly needed. Why in this county, Roanoke, we had two assessors for 190, and I wish you could see their wore, and I wish you could see their wore to assessed at \$50 or loss. To yn pot that were selling for \$5 and up per lot assessed at \$30. Parties who objected to an assessment of one-haf or two thirds of selling prices, ask d the flick water as damages from five to ten time the fair cash value. I hope the coming Legislature will allow towns and after to have annual assessments for local

Hard Luck.

Ella-My face is my fortune. Stella-it's too bad you can't get your money hanged.



A few weeks before Christmas one of our warehouses packed full of furniture caught afire, but owning to the excellent and perfect work of our fire department the fire was stopped in its incipiency and a good deal of the stock was only damaged by

no reason why the use of a little elbow grease and soap and water should not give any of our customers an almost perfect piece of furniture at less than half price.



To make this sale especially and extraordinarily interesting and attractive we will sell only Dining Room Furniture this week and we will give an extra discount of 20 per cent, off the price of any piece regular stock Dining Room Furniture in our

That which was very much damaged we've already sold at auction, and there's